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In re Application of:

Callahan et al.

Application No.: 09/854,874

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For: **SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATING BUSINESS PURCHASING
FUNCTIONS VIA A GLOBAL COMPUTER NETWORK**

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call
the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT(S):

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Patentee</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>
5,119,307	Blaha et al.	Jun. 2, 1992

PUBLICATION(S):

Press release: "Nationally Recognized E-commerce Leader, Kathy Levinson, to Provide Insight and Acumen to Business-to-Business Communication Service Company Targeting the Printing Industry", Noosh.com, November 22, 1999.

Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

In connection with the press release submitted herewith, Applicant notes that a company doing business on the Internet as www.noosh.com claims to have launched its Internet site in October 1999 to provide a collaborative environment that improves communications between printers, corporate buyers and agencies. This is the first press release available on the noosh.com web site. Applicant has no first hand knowledge as to the accuracy of the statements made in the press release, but is aware that the noosh.com site is currently active on the Internet. Moreover, Applicant believes that the technology deployed by noosh.com was derived from work originally provided by Applicant and was implemented by noosh.com without Applicant's consent. Applicant further believes that its technology was not patented or described in any printed publication in this or a foreign country, or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the May 19, 2000 date of Applicant's provisional application 60/205,857, of which the present invention claims the benefit pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(e). Further information concerning the noosh.com offerings can be found at the noosh.com web site.

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Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested. To date, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore believed to be timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,



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